

## ABSTRACT

### Plasmid Purification

The present invention relates to a method of isolating at least one plasmid  
5 from other components of a liquid, which method comprises the steps of providing a  
separation matrix comprised of one or more porous carriers, which carrier(s) present  
anion exchange groups on external surfaces as well as pore surfaces and a pore size  
distribution that does not allow access of plasmids to pore surfaces; contacting said  
matrix with the liquid to allow adsorption of the plasmids to ligands present on the  
10 separation matrix; contacting an eluent with the separation matrix to release the  
plasmids and recovering plasmids from a fraction of said eluent. Thus, the present  
method allows the plasmids to adsorb to the external surfaces of the matrix, while  
other components such as RNA is adsorbed onto the pore surfaces. In one  
embodiment, the matrix presents a DNA exclusion limit of at least about 270 base  
15 pairs; such as at least about 1,000 base pairs.